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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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ABIDJAN PASS REDSO; NIAMEY PASS ADO; DEPT PASS ALSO
TO AID/AFR/CWR

EO 11652; GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAID, DM, US

SUBJ: USG REVIEW RELATING TO COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM

REF COTONOU 186,

1. THIS AFTERNOON WE RECEIVED NOTE FROM BENIN FORNMINISTRY
REFERRING TO THE AMB'S TALK YESTERDAY WITH THE FORNMIN IN
COURSE OF WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE NOTE, THE AMB AFFIRMED THAT
"THE BENIN GOVT IS INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES REGARD-
ING WHICH THE USA INTENDS TO REEXAMINE ITS OVERALL POLICY OF
COOPERATION" (AID) AND THAT "PENDING COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW,
THE COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM PROJECT MUST BE CONSIDERED TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED. THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD
PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE FOREGOING."

2. COMMENT: BENIN GOVT, WHICH ALMOST NEVER REPLIES TO NOTES,
OR IN FACT ANY REQUESTS ADDRESSED TO ITSELF, VERY LIKELY BE-
LIEVES THAT WE MUST KNOW PERFORCE PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPLY,
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SINCE ONE HAS BEEN FORMALLY REQUESTED IN WRITING.

3. WE INCLINED BELIEVE THAT THE INTENDED USE OF
THE REPLY IS PUBLICATION FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES RATHER THAN
AS A FORMAL CONFIRMATION OR AS A BRIEFING DOCUMENT FOR COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS. END COMMENT.
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